§1.56b Delegations to the Designated Senior Career Official, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

The Designated Senior Career Official in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs is delegated exclusive authority to make decisions in all hearing cases to select a carrier for limited-designation international route authority, and in any other case that the Secretary designates, under the authority transferred to the Department from the Civil Aeronautics Board described in §\$1.56a(f) and 1.57(s) of this title; this includes the authority to adopt, reject or modify recommended decisions of administrative law judges.

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§1.57 Delegations to General Counsel.

The General Counsel is delegated authority to:

- (a) Conduct all rule-making proceedings, except the issuance of final rules, under specific laws relating generally to standard time zones and daylight saving (advanced standard) time.
- (b) Determine the practicability of applying the standard time of any standard time zone to the movements of any common carrier engaged in interstate or foreign commerce and issue operating exceptions in any case in which the General Counsel determines that it is impractical to apply the standard time.
- (c) Provide and coordinate the Department's counseling service to employees on questions of conflict of interest and other matters of legal import covered by Departmental regulations on employee responsibility and conduct. Assure that counseling and interpretations on these matters are available to designated Deputy Counselors of the Department. Serve as the Department's designee to the Civil Service Commission on these matters.
- (d) Serve as the alternate representative of the Secretary on the Board of Directors of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation when so designated by the Secretary or Deputy Secretary and carry out the functions vested in the Secretary as a member of the board

by section 303 of the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1330).

- (e) Review and take final action on referrals of the findings of the Board for Correction of Military Records of the Coast Guard (except with respect to those matters on which the Secretary's authority to take final action is exercised by the Board pursuant to 33 CFR 52.35-15) and the Coast Guard Discharge Review Board.
- (f) Approve vacation of suspension of dismissal of military personnel (10 U.S.C. 872(b)).
- (g) Grant permission, under specific circumstances, to deviate from a policy or procedure prescribed by part 9 of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary (part 9 of this subtitle) with respect to testimony of OST employees as witnesses in legal proceedings, the serving of legal process and pleadings in legal proceedings involving the Secretary or his Office, and the production of records of that Office pursuant to subpoena.
- (h) Prepare proposed Executive orders and proclamations (including transmittal documents), effect appropriate Departmental coordination, and determine whether the transmittal to the Office of Management and Budget should be submitted over the Secretary's signature or the General Counsel's.
- (i) Emboss and affix the official Departmental seal to appropriate documents and other materials, for all purposes for which authentication by seal is required.
- (j) Except with respect to proceedings under section 4(e) of the Department of Transportation Act (80 Stat. 934) relating to safety fitness of an applicant, decide on requests to intervene or appear before courts or agencies to present the views of the Department, subject to the concurrence of other interested staff elements in the Office of the Secretary.
- (k) Exercise the authority delegated to the Department by the Assistant Attorney General, Land and Natural Resources Division, in his order of October 2, 1970, to approve the sufficiency of the title to land being acquired by purchase or condemnation by the United States for the use of the Department.